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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW-  
EVACUATION OF VIETNAM ORPHANS

1. USDEL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT ABOUT 40 DELEGATIONS HAVE  
SENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE (SWISS PRESIDENT GRABER)  
CONDEMNING US EVACUATION OF ORPHANS FROM VIETNAM AND CHARGING THAT  
US IS VIOLATING ARTICLE 24 OF FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTION OF 1949.  
WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT MANY  
COUNTRIES WILL SPEAK ON THIS MATTER DURING MEETING OF PLENARY  
OF CONFERENCE ON APRIL 17. (CONFERENCE CLOSES ON APRIL 18.)

2. GRABER HAS ASKED US ON MOST URGENT BASIS FOR FACTS  
CONCERNING EVACUATION OF ORPHANS FROM VIETNAM AND INDICATED  
THAT HIS REACTION TO LETTER SENT HIM WILL DEPEND ON FACTS.

3. WE REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT SEND US BY NIACT IMMEDIATE  
CABLE, BY 9:45 A.M. GENEVA TIME APRIL 17 LATEST, SUCH DATA AND  
CONTINGENCY MATERIAL AS MIGHT BE USEFUL IN INFORMING SWISS AND  
IN RESPONDING IN CONFERENCE PLENARY MEETING.

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4. IF ORPHANS ARE IN FACT CHILDREN OF US SERVICEMEN, THAT  
WOULD BE MOST CONVINCING ARGUMENT. IF NOT, WE ASSUME BEST LEGAL  
RATIONALE AVAILABLE IS THAT ARTICLE 24 NOT INTENDED PREVENT  
NORMAL ADOPTION ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THEIR OWN  
TERRITORIES. MOREOVER, WE WOULD NOTE THAT SOLE USG  
INVOLVEMENT IS TO PROVIDE SOME AIR TRANSPORTATION. DALE

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